

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were withdrawn by a previous amendment and claims 13-32 were pending in this application. Claims 13-32 are subject to a restriction requirement in the September 24, 2008 official action.

In the action, the claims were alleged to recite seven distinct inventions, each linked by claim 13. In an applicant-initiated interview conducted on October 22, 2008, the examiner agreed to reduce the number of groupings to three, each linked by claim 13. In particular, Group I (claims 13-16, 19 and 20) is directed to a dentist's or dental treatment station/work station further defined by a functional unit, Group II (claims 13, 17, and 18) is directed to the dental treatment station further defined by an input device, and Group III (claims 13, and 21-32) is directed to the dental treatment station further defined by an interface unit controlled by the functional unit.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 13, 17, and 18. As a result of this election, claims 13, 17, and 18 remain pending in the application. Claims 14-16 and 19-32 are withdrawn from the application, without prejudice to refiling these claims or rejoinder.

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